



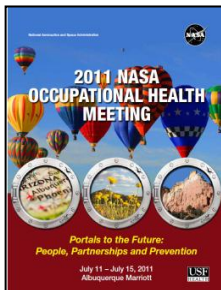
# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer – Occupational Health  
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## ◆ 2011 Occupational Health (OH) Meeting Starts Monday, July 11:

Final preparations continue to be made for the [2011 NASA OH Meeting](#). The theme this year is “*Portals to the Future People, Partnerships and Prevention*”. In addition to a slate full of top speakers on a wide variety of OH issues, the meeting will offer ample opportunity for you to interact with Center OH staff from across all 14 Centers. The current Meeting [agenda](#) is available on the NASA OH Meeting website. At the time of this newsletter approximately 72 attendees had registered. We hope all of you traveling to Albuquerque will have safe travels and look forward to a productive meeting! If you have any last minute questions don’t hesitate to contact [Gail Bantugan](#).



◆ **EHRS Update:** This is the second EHRS rollout for the Agency. The EHRS on-site training was held the week of June 14-16, 2011, on Medical and Industrial Hygiene Modules. Bill Walters and Monica Melkonian with Medgate, Bart Geyer, Helen Shoemaker, Nancy Eckhardt, Dr. Verba Moore and Dr. Azhar Rafiq provided onsite training support. Fourteen people attended the training sessions and they were very enthusiastic and focused. We went live with the Medical Modules on Friday June 17th, 2011. Helen Shoemaker stayed the week after “go live” to provide support and guidance with medical personnel on using the application. This model of leaving a training/support person on site for a week during the “go live” phase has worked well with the Medical personnel having the support onsite and getting daily assistance and feedback on how they did individually and as a group.

This model also reduces the potential number of mistakes that can occur in the first week while working in a new system. The Industrial Hygiene team at Langley is pictured to the right and had a “go live” date of Friday June 24, 2011.



◆ **HealthierYou 2011:** We have received Center specific enrollment and completion files for Walk to Wellness. Represented Centers will receive or have already received a few incentives to hold a raffle in recognition of the employees who completed the walk. We had a 64% completion rate among the 480 participants. Please keep on top of the 2011 HPW Action Plan. OPM is holding NASA accountable to this Plan and requests updates from OCHMO. Please continue to focus on the summer season campaign including, skin cancer prevention, heat related syndromes, and click it or ticket. We have forwarded to the team associated educational flyers. Utilize the Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth Health Information web page for additional information.

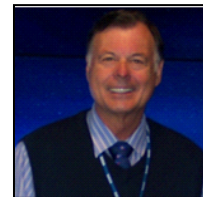
◆ **CE and Certification Prep Access Cards:** We offer two access cards to the nursing and other allied health staff for the purpose of preparing for a new certification or maintaining licensure through continuing education. If you are interested in receiving the [Unlimited CE Card](#) (Cont Education) or the [Pearls Review Card](#) (Certification Preparation), please notify [Gail Bantugan](#). These cards are good for one year from the date of activation. Please, prior to requesting a card validate that your access card has been fully utilized.

◆ **Glenn Clinic Recognized:** GRC’s Medical Services staff members; John Kocka MD, Patty Oleksiak RN, and Nancy Zimlich RN have been selected as recipients of a [NASA Group Achievement Award](#) for their contribution to the NSBRI Monitoring Bone Health project. This is one of the highest awards in the agency and represents acknowledgement of the team’s significant contributions to NASA’s mission and purpose. Areas studied included a study of bone density and exercise prescriptions needed on the International Space Station and comfort of hardware/harnesses (see picture to the right).



◆ **EAP – After Hours Access:** The Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer (OCHMO) has renewed the Agency’s contract for after-hours Employee Assistance as of July 1, 2011. Our vendor continues to be [ProtoCall](#), based in Oregon. The after-hours Employee Assistance number is toll-free **(1-866-315-7380)** and can be used by NASA employees after business hours, on weekends, and holidays. It may also be used by NASA employees traveling internationally in time-zones that equate to “after business hours” in the United States. Although some Centers employ EAP providers with their own after-hours EAP telephone numbers (e.g., Headquarters, Goddard, Johnson, Glenn, Langley), ProtoCall may be used as well. Please contact OCHMO ([Janine Hardin](#)) at 321-867-2423/202-302-5795 if you experience any problems in accessing or using ProtoCall after hours.

◆ **NASA KSC Health Physicist Featured in HP Journal:** Congratulations to Randy Scott, KSC Radiation Protection Officer, who was profiled in the June issue of [Health Physics News](#). The Health Physics Society is fascinated with NASA activities, particularly those surrounding major radiological source launches from the KSC. Randy and the KSC Health Physics Programs have been highlighted on several occasions. Other NASA RSOs who have been profiled in the past include Patrick Muldoon (ARC) and Marcum Martz (JPL).



## ◆ **Upcoming OH ViTS & Webinars:**

- EH ViTS – July 22, 11:00-12:00 EDT
- Health Physics ViTS – July 27, 11:00-12:00 EDT

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